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On 23 April 1948, thirty to forty former Luftwaffe signal experts arrived at Wunsdorf (291). The men, [redacted] came in German cars and were accompanied by Soviet officers and a few Soviet civilians. They were installed in the north building of the Heeresportschule, where each man was assigned a Russian orderly and two rooms. Most of these men were later transferred elsewhere but, as of 2 May, fifteen were still at Wunsdorf and presumably were to remain there. The group has its own dining and recreation rooms, but movement appears limited to the Sportschule compound.

Comment:

[redacted] quarters for approximately 700 NKVD members were being prepared at Wunsdorf. Later, 600 returned PW's, who arrived via Furstenwalde, were billeted there. Seventy members of this latter group were sent to Leipzig, the rest remaining at Wunsdorf.

All 600 were former Seydlitz Army NCO's, trained in a political camp at Anas-tasiewka near Mariupol, but not NKVD members. They were to be assigned to a German border corps, several units of which are said to have been activated and put on duty in the southwest Harz and Erzgebirge regions.)

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[redacted] the fifteen officers may be assigned to organization of technical details and training of personnel of an underground command post now being set up in the cellar of their quarters. It consists of three floors built on the order of a German bunker system. Each bunker, whose concrete is 2.5 meters thick, can hold 30 to 40 men.

The following items relate to the development of this subterranean installation:

a. A number of cable ditches have been dug and armored cables are being shifted. Five new armored cables are being run from the Zeppelin telephone central to the main building of the Sportschule.

b. A generator is being installed in a former fencing hall. Since ski barracks, as well as the Sportschule, have their own generators, it is assumed that this one is to serve some special purpose.

c. All curb stones and sharply defined building points are being covered with luminous paint. ARP and warning installations were inspected and repaired early in April.

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Comment:

passage through Zossen to Wunsdorf on 23 April of 16 cars of specialized troops with a field radio station and signal truck)

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4. During the week 17-23 April, four other Luftwaffe officers in Soviet uniform (minus shoulder tabs) stayed at Wunsdorf, apparently for the purpose of checking the airfield installations south of the Sportachule. During 1945 this field was used by German fighter and courier aircraft. In late 1947 it was enlarged by the Russians and the outer section was leveled off. The staked off field is 1800 meters long and approximately 1200 to 1500 meters wide. Concrete mixers and similar equipment were brought in recently. Although only a few Soviet planes have used this field, heavy planes landed on three occasions during the visit of the Luftwaffe officers. Two twin-engine and one JU-52 aircraft were employed landing and taking off without difficulty. 50X1-HUM
- Comment: [redacted] a Luftwaffe group has been set 50X1-HUM within the Soviet Air Force under General Fuchs and that this group is now in operation. Fuchs is said to go under the name of Brandenburg or Brandenburger.)
5. Armored and infantry troops, with approximately 250 JS tanks, left Wunsdorf between 19 and 29 April, leaving behind an unreported number of MVD troops and one battalion of secret field police. A motorcycle unit arrived on 29 April, but its subordination is not known. Replacements arrived in Wunsdorf between 29 April and 5 May. Strength is approximately 10,000 infantrymen of various year classes, half of whom are aged 20 to 25 and much decorated. The rest are young, aged 16 to 20. The EM are restricted and only officers enjoy a certain freedom of movement.
6. Between 26 and 27 April and 5 May, tanks arrived by rail and proceeded to the training area. Most of the unloading took place at night, with trains departing immediately afterward. The number of tanks is not known.
7. Beginning 27 April, all roads leading to the Wunsdorf training area were sealed off and provided with three road blocks, each comprising 12 to 15 men. Other guards with carbines and tommyguns, some motorized, patrol the entire area. There is also an outer security circle extending a few kilometers around Wunsdorf. On 2 May, all travelers in this circle who were unable to prove residence in Wunsdorf were arrested and carted off to the MVD office in Mahlow.

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